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SUBJ: GBYSO

ATTN CU/ARA AND CU/CP

1. THE GREATER BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (GBYSO) 110 YOUNG MUSICIANS, AGES 13-17, WILL BE COMING TO COLOMBIA FOR A TEN DAY STAY: JUNE 18-30 FIVE DAYS IN BOGOTA AND 5 DAYS IN MEDELLIN, BOSTON'S SISTER CITY.
2. THE BOSTON MUSICIANS HAVE PUT UP OVER \$30,000 DOLS FOR A CHARTER FLIGHT BOSTON-BOGOTA-MEDELLIN-BOSTON. MAJOR BUSINESSMEN IN MEDELLIN WILL FUND ENTIRE MEDELLIN PORTION AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL BY A SISTER CITY.
3. GBYSO NEEDED BOGOTA COOPERATION TO MAKE THE WHOLE PROJECT POSSIBLE. SINCE POST BELIEVES THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THIS YEAR, OR OF THE PAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO THIS PROGRAM.
4. THE TOTAL BOGOTA BILL WILL COME TO ABOUT \$10,000 DOLS FOR FOOD, LODGING AND INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 110 MUSICIANS AND 15 CHAPERONS/MUSIC LEADERS. IT HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN VOLUNTEER HOUSING BECAUSE OF THE SEASON.
5. THE POST WILL USE ITS OWN RESOURCES IN THIS PROJECT BUT WOULD LIKE THE COOPERATION OF CU/ARA AND/OR CU/CP. SPECIFICALLY, CAN CU/ARA AND/OR CU/CP COME UP WITH \$2,500 FOR THIS MAJOR CULTURAL PROGRAM? IN THE EVENT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GET A GREATER

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PORTION PAID FOR BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, WE WILL RETURN A PORTION

OF THE CU SUM JUST AS WE DID TWO YEARS AGO WITH THE BOSTON SYM-
PHONY CHAMBER GROUP. VAKY

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